

**HON. J. OLIVER
LIKELY NEXT
B.C. PREMIER**

Such is Opinion Held in Of-
ficial Circles at

Victoria

LIBERALS DEFER VOTE

Funeral of Late Prime Minister Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon

VICTORIA, B.C., March 8.—Until after the funeral of Premier Brewster no action will be taken in regard to the selection of his successor in the leadership of the British Columbia government. After an informal meeting Saturday of the Liberal members of the legislature, it was announced that the formal selection of a leader

had been deferred, and that a "unanimous announcement would be made in the matter of the party leadership at the proper time." The opinion of the majority may be that Hon. John Oliver, who is acting premier, is likely choice of his colleagues for the office. The names of Hon. J. D. McLean and Hon. J. D. McLean are also prominently mentioned.

A great many messages of condolences have been received by the family of the late Duke of Devonshire and government. The governor-general the Duke of Devonshire, expressed his sympathy and his intention of being represented at the funeral. Sir J. F. B. Fraser, leader of the opposition, and others from all parts of the Do-

The funeral has been tentatively arranged for Tuesday afternoon, but the final will depend on the wishes of the relatives.

James H. Brewster, a brother of the dead premier, arrived here today from Seattle.

According to present arrangements the funeral will be held from the parliament building, proceeding to the Metropolitan Methodist church, where

**TOKIO WILL MOVE
SPEEDILY BUT IN
SECRET PROGRAM**

Germans Must Be Kept in Ignor-

ance of Plans, Says Gen. Semba

ROME, March 2.—"The government at Tokio will act energetically, but it is impossible to say in what way. It not being desired to have the enemy know anything of its plans," General Semba, of the Japanese army, is quoted here as declaring in an interview regarding the situation in the Far East. "The Japanese will attend the general depends upon the enemy's action—whether the Germans enter Petrograd, and should

they do so, whether they will stop there or invade, even without military action, the remainder of Eastern Russia under the pretext of re-establishing order and organizing supplies and thus reach Siberia. Japan, he declared, was ready for any eventuality.

THREATEN 60,000 STRIKE

NEW YORK, March 3.—Unless their employers comply with the conditions of a recent award of a federal

board of arbitration, a strike of marine engineers and other employees on harbor craft here, involving more than 60,000 men would be called before March 9. It was announced yesterday by Thomas L. Delahunt, secretary of the Marine Workers. He added, however, that no member of the union would leave his work if by so doing government operations would be impaired.

signatures of nearly 6,000,000 women, Ireland Preston and Miss Anna A. Ben's Christian Temperance Union, to President Wilson yesterday askers in the United States be stopped rials used may be diverted to food

AN RAID FAILS
SMIES IN FRANCE, March 2—

CANS KILLED
Eight Americans were killed, in-
f Tilton, N.H., and three non-com-
men wounded in the fight with the
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RED GUARDS
Official news agency dispatch from
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Chief Justice Harvey Decides There Is No Ground For Injunction

Arguments on Behalf of Application to Stop Voting Presented by C. K. McKenzie and J. M. Macdonald—S. B. Woods Replies on Behalf of Mayor, and J. C. F. Bown For Returning Officer Cox.

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The injunction asked for in the name of Robert Caldwell and other citizens to stop the plebiscite on Monday next was refused Saturday morning by Chief Justice Harvey after he had heard arguments of counsel. The application for the injunction was opposed by S. B. Woods, K.C., acting on behalf of Mayor Evans, and by J. C. F. Bown, who appeared for the returning officer, U. E. K. Cox.

A lengthy argument based on the affidavits first published in the *Advertiser* and then submitted by J. C. McKinnis, was made by the returning officer.

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Mrs. Ellen Wolf died on Saturday, March 2, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Norton, 9748 W. 12th avenue, aged 64 years. The funeral will be held Tuesday, March 5, at 10 a. m., from St. Anthony's church, to the Roman Catholic cemetery on the other side. The funeral is in charge of the Rev. Father J. J. O'Connell.

Edith Jane Coffin, aged 62, wife of George W. Coffin, died at her home, 1318 157th street, Saturday, March 3. The remains will be shipped to St. Paul, Minn., by the train of the Northern Packer and Livestock Commission, via the Great Northern, and will be buried at the Fairview cemetery, Minneapolis, by the 10:30 a. m. train, Sunday, March 5.

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the threatened resignation of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. day's publicity is adverse to them. Mrs. Clyde Macdonald, 40, of 1001 E. 12th St., continued as one of the women who will stand. The Bulletin had been asked to say however, that Mrs. Macdonald has not been approached by any of the organizations in the matter nor has she expressed any personal desire for attention to seek municipal offices.

FOR CANCELS, LIST OF 1957 JAZZERS
The following names were announced for cancellation of the 1957 Jazz Festival:

LETTER MOTORS REOPEN
Lesse Motors Ltd. have secured premises in the city street garage building, 1001 E. 12th St., for the reopening of their business from all friends and customers.

"A Thrilling Story of Prison Life in Germany"
On Monday, March 4th, at 8:00 o'clock
at METROPOLITAN CHURCH
Rev. Dr. H. G. Wells will read "His Life in the Trenches, his capture by the Germans, his imprisonment in Germany." He will also read of his experiences in the German prison.

COME AND HEAR HIM!
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**Your Appearance
is Worth Consideration**

We are judged largely by appearance, so our personal appearance should always be such as to create a favorable impression. Clean, neatly pressed clothing is the first necessity of proper personal appearance. Send your outer garments to us for proper cleaning and pressing. Our charges are reasonable.

Henningsen's Dry Works

Work: 110th Ave.
Phone 71724

Office: 10147 Jasper Ave.
Phone 3726



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THE DAY IS WON

Because

1. The Old Brigade is the most efficient fire-fighting organization in Canada.

Because

2. The fair-minded people of Edmonton will not stand for secret sessions determining public policies, being held at the City Hall.

Because

3. Right IS Might and no matter how many strings or bluffs are pulled the TRUTH must be known and Right must prevail.

Because

4. The protection of lives or property cannot be entrusted to green and incompetent men when Edmonton's boast for the past years has been its efficient brigade and *we must have their experienced protection.*

Because

5. A campaign of calumny cannot conceal the facts of the case.

Because

6. Oh! What's the use of further argument? Your answer must be shown by your ballot Monday.

Their Last Hope Is Gone---The Injunction Has Been Refused

BE SURE AND VOTE "NO"

Twenty \$15 Club Subscriptions Worth over One and a Half

Million Votes!

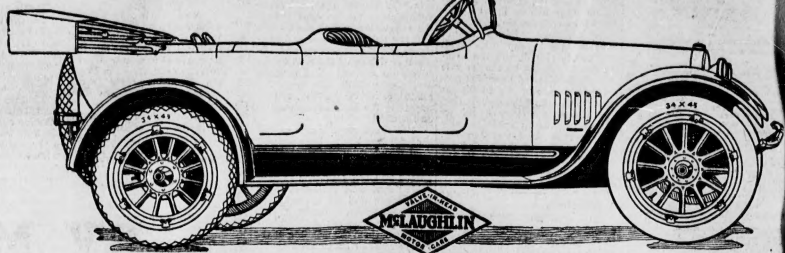
It will take votes to win the \$8000 worth of Prizes The Bulletin is Giving Away.

Why not get Your Share of the Extra 50,000 Votes.

Remember every \$15 worth of New Subscriptions will give you the extra 50,000 votes.

FIRST GRAND PRIZE

\$2000



McLaughlin E-45-6 Cylinder "Special-Special"—Now on exhibition at the McLaughlin Show Rooms, 104th Street, Edmonton. This costly touring car will be given to the candidate securing the greatest number of votes irrespective of districts. The winner of this grand prize will be given \$300 in cash to be donated to some patriotic organization in his or her district.

OVER
\$8000
IN
PRIZES

Miss Christine Earl, 11823 86th St., Edmonton	91,000
Mr. Roy Edgar, 10810 85th St., Edmonton	106,000
Mr. E. Elde, Glenview, Alta.	15,000
Mr. Robt. English, 12310 104th St., Edmonton	15,000
Miss Esther Falkenberg, 2581 Cameron Ave., City	114,000
Miss Lena Farberick, Coar, Alta.	122,000
Mr. Alex. Farquharson, Dayland, Alta.	99,000
Mr. S. J. Farrel, Holden, Alta.	13,000
Mr. A. M. Fraser, Seasmith, Alta.	87,000
Mr. Mike Galsky, Spirit River, Alta.	5,000
Mr. H. Ganton, Vermilion, Alta.	22,000
Mr. Arthur Garbo, Ardrossan, Alta.	60,000
Miss Louie Geffer, Dayland, Alta.	78,000
Mr. Kenneth Gibbs, Killam, Alta.	11,000
Mr. Wm. Gluck, 1004 Street, Edmonton	5,000
Mr. C. M. Girata, Sunnyslope, Alta.	29,000
Miss Hamilton, Bartonville, Alta.	48,000
Mr. Alexander Hawkins, 11817 78th St., Edmonton	27,000
Mr. Robert Hockley, Brulo Mines, Alta.	28,000
Mr. W. G. Hornbrook, Lashburn, Alta.	27,000
Miss Olga Jaeschuk, 8717 100th St., Edmonton	7,000
Mr. Walter Jessup, Leduc, Alta.	19,000
Mr. H. M. Jostin, 5051 St., Edmonton	125,000
Mr. Wm. Kelly, Stony Plain, Alta.	8,000
Miss Mary Kitchen, Hardisty, Alta.	22,000
Mr. Wm. Kuitenen, Thorold, Alta.	29,000
Mr. G. P. Kuitenen, 11949 94th St., Edmonton	110,000
Mr. R. F. Latimer, 16222 78th Ave., Edmonton	17,000
Mr. L. E. C. Laughausen, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.	10,800
Miss Hazel Lee, Peace River, Alta.	29,000
Mr. E. Lindemood, City, Alta.	5,000
Mr. A. H. Liveridge, Wetaskiwin, Alta.	5,000

Mr. V. Adams, 10008 105th St., Edmonton	51,000
Miss Martha Asker, Gadsby, Alta.	34,000
Mr. A. E. Austin, Manville, Alta.	5,000
Mr. Paul Bauer, Mundare, Alta.	30,000
Mr. Ed. Blar, Belburne	28,000
Mr. Emily Bremner, Spruce Grove Centre, Alta.	42,000
Mr. Frank Brierley, Highway Centre, Alta.	24,000
Mr. C. N. Brubish, Holden, Alta.	9,000
Mr. Jacob Bova, Spruce Grove, Alta.	5,000
Miss Alice Brown, Tomahawk, Alta.	39,000
Mr. Alex. Brown, Holden, Alta.	22,000
Mrs. Henry, Yorkford, Alta.	28,000
Miss Mary Bell, Nanaimo, Alta.	53,000
Mrs. Geo. Boer, Suite 11, Dewar Court, Edmonton	5,000
Mrs. B. Boyaner, 10538 118th St., Edmonton	149,000
Miss Lena Boyles, Lac la Piche Station, Alta.	147,000
Mr. Gauder Brochu, Principal Public Schools, Ripley, Alta.	164,000
Mrs. Beate, Hestler	5,000
Mr. I. I. Carmichael, Holden, Alta.	29,000
Mr. Stanley Carson, Chevrolet Garage, Wetaskiwin	11,000
Mr. Joe Christian, Hazyville, Alta.	78,000
Miss O. Chandler, Vegreville, Alta.	26,000
Miss Pearl Cleland, Halcourt	19,000
Mrs. Jos. Colongore, St. Albert, Alta.	22,000
Miss Clara Combs, Rocky Rapids, Alta.	10,000
Mrs. Roy S. Cook, 9840 82nd Ave., Edmonton	175,000
Mr. Jack Clifton, Vegreville, Alta.	44,000
Mr. G. H. Davis, 311 Gibson Block, Edmonton	9,000
Mrs. Charlotte Dawe, 10428, 118th St., Edmonton	58,000
Mr. Little Decker, 11115 101st St., Edmonton	11,000
Miss Vera Decker, Wetaskiwin	5,000
Mr. Chas. Dobson, C. Car Barns, Edmonton	5,000
Mr. Mike Ducholko, Golden Spike, Alta.	68,000
Mr. Robert Dundas, Edmonton	154,000
Mr. Chas. Dyken, 9554 108th St., Edmonton	24,000

Have you given your Favorite Candidate Your Subscription to The Bulletin yet?

50,000 Extra Votes

It may be the very one he or she needs to win one of the Automobiles.

28 COSTLY PRIZES

Second Grand Prize \$1215 Model 90 Overland Touring Car



Now on exhibition at E. C. May & Co., Jasper Ave., Edmonton.

Nomination Blank

GOOD FOR 5,000 VOTES. NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A FRIEND

PRIZE CONTEST DEPARTMENT OF THE EDMONTON BULLETIN, 9975 Jasper Avenue.

Gentlemen,—I hereby nominate as a candidate in your Automobile Prize Contest:

Name
Address
Nominated by
Address

NOTE—Only one nomination blank will be accepted for any one candidate.

These Are The Prizes:

\$2000 E-45 Special-Special McLaughlin Touring Car.

\$1215 Model 90 Overland 5 Passenger Touring Car.

\$1200 McLaughlin 5 Passenger Touring Car.

2 \$400 Ennis & Co. Sweet Toned Pianos.

2 \$135 Bedroom Sets, Nine Pieces.

2 \$135 Dining Room Sets.

6 \$77 White Rotary Sewing Machines.

2 \$110 Starr Phonographs.

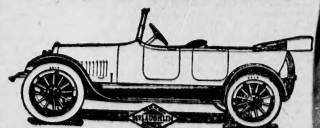
Cabine's of Silver and Kodaks.

\$300 For Patriotic Purposes.

2 Dble Return Trip to either Vancouver or Toronto

2 Single Return Trip to either Vancouver or Toronto

THIRD GRAND PRIZE



\$1200 McLaughlin 5 Passenger Touring Car

This car is now on exhibition at the McLaughlin Show Rooms, 104th Street, Edmonton.

OUT OUT NEATLY

The Bulletin's Big Automobile Prize Contest

Good for 100 Votes

FOR
ADDRESS

This Coupon, when neatly cut out and brought or mailed to the Contest Department of The Bulletin, will count for the person whose name is written thereon.

The Great North Land

News of General Interest

WOUNDED BOY IS TAKEN 100 MILES TO THE HOSPITAL

And Accidentally Shot by Father
Far North of Peace River
—Is Recovering—

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EDMONTON JOURNAL
Harris in Edmonton on Wednesday, February 27.
Mrs. Harris, wife of Mr. Harris, died at her home in Edmonton on Wednesday, February 27, at the age of 85. She was born in Scotland and came to Canada with her husband in 1880. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a devoted wife and mother.

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Bullitt News Service.
Waterbole, British Columbia, February 27.—The waterboles of the district are now in the hands of the waterboles of the district. The waterboles of the district are now in the hands of the waterboles of the district.

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ONTARIO BEYOND UNCHANGED TO FINISH OF WAR

Premier Heated Refused Hearing When Crowd Hears Decision

No Alteration in Statute Till the Soldiers Come Home and Vote

TOBACCO, March 3.—There will be no change in the alcoholic strength of the temperance beer now permitted to be sold in Ontario. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has refused to alter the law on this point.

ENEMY RAIDS ARE VICIOUS ON HAIG LINE
LONDON, March 3.—Several German raids have been reported against the British line in the Somme. The raids were described as vicious and were carried out by the enemy in the night.

FAVOR CLOSING ELEVATORS TO AID SEEDING
Resolution Passed by the Operators of Concern in the Country.
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The German people are now facing the consequences of their defeat. The German people are now facing the consequences of their defeat.

Optimism on the Belgian Front
The British army is now making progress on the Belgian front. The British army is now making progress on the Belgian front.

SAVE YOUR HAIR! A SMALL BOTTLE STOPS DANDRUFF
Every bit of dandruff disappears and hair stops coming out.
Try this. Your hair appears glossy, abundant, and beautiful.

WHO CAN VOTE
The complaint has been made that citizens are being asked to vote at the polls. The complaint has been made that citizens are being asked to vote at the polls.

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When you break your glasses, save the pieces. When you break your glasses, save the pieces.

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Final Analysis of Voting Gives Government Majority Over All Opponents in Field, of 264-216

Majority Ahead of Official Opposition Was 326,008—Total Vote Polled Was 1,022,019 For Government Candidates, and 757,893 For All Others—Vote by Provinces.

OTTAWA, Mar. 3.—A complete and final analysis of the voting in the general election has been made by the government. The government has won a majority of 264,000 votes over all opponents in the field.

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Consider the Result of the Pebscite Vote

If NO Wins:---

A vote of No to be interrupted by the city council to mean that all members of the old fire department now out to be re-employed and that a chief be appointed from their ranks.
At least one alderman has said definitely he will resign.
An Election must necessarily follow.
This means additional expense and continued turmoil.
With a Consequent Weakening of our Financial Condition.

Mayor Evans Statement

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:--

General criticism must exist, based solely on the fact that there has been trouble and confusion about this matter. People say, quite naturally, that in some way this should have been avoided, but the sense of irritation at the manner in which a thing has been done and a dispute as to whether it could have been done much better, should not take our attention from the real merits of the case.

Subject to all possible blame and criticism as mentioned, let us now more assuredly the citizens of Edmonton treat I am more than ever convinced that the appointment of Chief Davidson was in the best interests of the city.

In order to justify this it becomes necessary to do what is personally very unpleasant, namely, to discuss the general condition of the former brigade. Obviously, as the newly selected Mayor, my information is not based on personal observation and experience with them, but I shall make no statement which I do not believe to be absolutely true and capable of proof.

A fireman's life shows violent contrasts between periods of strenuous physical work, calling for a high degree of discipline, and intervals of entirely insufficient employment. In such circumstances, the morale of a force can only be preserved by a high standard of discipline. I believe that, speaking generally, the old force was deteriorating in this respect. It had perhaps not yet reached the stage where it inspired their fire-fighting qualities under the stimulus of the task before them, but it was bound in time to do so. This is not meant as any reflection on many splendid fellows on the force, looked at as individual members of that force.

The very expensive apparatus under the charge of these men was allowed to suffer. A Manufacturer's Report, whose value has been proved, it found it in a deplorable condition. Its detailed report, of the repairs, etc., that are needed, has not yet come to hand, but he reported to me verbally that the heavy trucks which broke in December, did so because bearings had not been properly looked after. He had not been here for two years, but at that time he found them in a state of disrepair and had them sent by express. On his recent visit here, two years later, he found the same trucks on the trucks lot to him as though they had never been in the shop in the two years since his last visit. The expense of the repairs which appeared under the old brigade will show up in much greater detail when the bill of repair parts which are needed.

It is perhaps necessary to weary the public once more with a short statement that should dispose of some of the poor insinuations and charges which are being made.

Shortly after my election, Mayor Henry informed me that there had been a meeting in the Fire Department, as Chief Henderson was resigning on account of ill-health. He said there was no man in the department who had the authority to make a decision of this kind. This would be a charge of discussing the matter with Chief Davidson, and I am sure that if he had ascertained that he was coming here to spend Christmas with his family.

On the 17th or 18th of December I asked Mr. English, the secretary, to find out if Davidson had arrived and to ask him to come and see me. This he did on December 18th, and I am thoroughly satisfied from his attitude at that interview that he had not been approached in any way, or reached any decision in regard to it. Our discussion was purely tentative. I remember urging on him the advantage of Edmonton as the place for his family to continue to reside among their friends, as against the uncertainty of Chicago where he was in business. Nothing at all was decided at this interview. Davidson was to think the matter over and see us again.

Ex-Chief Henderson called, urging the appointment of Ex-Chief Leander. I first asked if it was impossible for him to reconsider his resignation, but his account of his nervous state was corroborated, in my judgment, by his appearance.

The application of Jameson was discussed, and I was quite willing to accept it, but I felt that the slowness of judgment that he lacked sufficient capacity to be able to handle the matter. I have seen this man in interviews, I have had more than one opportunity to see him, and I have never seen him in any other respect. I am sure that the men did not regard him very seriously as a possible chief, although many of them signed the petition urging his appointment.

One other applicant from the brigade was very honest about the fact that he had not earned \$10.00 a month since joining, but I had to tell him in reply that his resignation that he was made chief he could save the City thousands of dollars by cutting down on the expenses he had the reserve strength in case of real need.

We finally decided to engage Davidson, and sent for him on December 20th. He then made the perfectly natural suggestion, which, however, has been exaggerated and even said that he should not telegraph his resignation from his home position, but that he would like to have a talk with them and give them the opportunity as to when they could discuss with his services.

I wish also to say that I have completely satisfied myself that the resignation was made to Chief Henderson to resign, and no pressure brought on him.

When I returned to the City on February 13, the strike had already been on for a week. I read that the council of the City of Edmonton had decided to appoint a chief, and I felt that I should try to get a hearing at a public meeting. I did, and I was told that some of the facts of the case in interviews in the newspaper, and then and since. In later negotiations, the only

point worth retaining has to do with the actual taking of the pebscite.

If I remember correctly, it was on Tuesday, the 12th, that a large delegation from the Allied Trades waited on me, demanding a pebscite as the only alternative to a general sympathetic strike. I maintained then that it was not a proper question to put to a City of people, as I considered qualifications of men for a technical position, and I suggested that we set up a tribunal to establish the fact on which the whole dispute hinged.

A special meeting of Council was called the following day, and Council agreed to allow its decision in this matter to be reviewed by an impartial tribunal. To make it more certain, we accepted Alderman McCoppin's suggestion that the members of the tribunal be chosen in consultation with a committee of the Allied Trades. This committee met our committee the next day, and at the close of the session substantial progress had been made towards the selection of the tribunal. We had great hopes that the next morning the actual members of the tribunal would be chosen and within a comparatively few days they could reach their conclusion, and thus the whole matter be settled.

When we convened again on the following morning, however, representatives of the Allied Trades stated positively that they would not assist in choosing the tribunal and, more fundamental still, that the firemen withdrew their undertaking which the Allied Trades' committee had expressed to us the day before, to abide by the findings of the tribunal, unless we immediately dissolved the Davidson and his men and reinstated the whole of the old force.

To do this would have meant to turn out Chief Davidson and his men, who are and have been rendering strenuous and effective assistance to the City in its time of need, and to put back the men who took the law into their own hands and left it defenceless. To yield such a point solely at the whim of the Council, and at the serious citizen, leave the City for the future completely at the whim of those working for it, is a course after such an experience, none could be expected to follow.

I have referred to the lack of discipline in the old force. No man need become a fireman, but he decides to join to assume a position of peculiar trust and responsibility to the community at large. On him and not on the City, rests the duty of protecting the lives and property of the citizens. Any man who is not willing to do this, who is not willing to accept the responsibility of loyalty to it, then for the position of command, and who is not willing to accept the responsibility of developing gradually with increasing responsibility, he is not fit for the position of command. Those in line for promotion could not or would not, not yet, we had no choice but to act as we did.

I hold, as I have said, as against the promotion of men from the ranks to positions of increasing responsibility. In this case we could not say it. It has been proved that the men no longer gained it, that there is nothing in the proceedings before the Board of Firemen which were directly on the point. The phrase "in all promotions" is a phrase which has been given to seniority" means exactly what it says, namely: If a promotion is to be made, the two men stand equal, the senior in service gets it.

As I said in my first interview on returning to the City, and before I had any idea of the extent to which this case had been taken up by other bodies of organized labor, it was absolutely not a question of Unions or Anti-Unions.

Before the Conciliation Board the men had agreed to give two weeks' notice to resign. They did not do. Their ultimatum to the City was dated January 10th, and received the 12th. The men walked out at noon the following day. I held them, and I hold now, that the strike was entirely unjustified; the men had their legal remedies, and I believe their action would not be supported by the higher leaders of the Trade Union movement. I further added that the great cause suffered most from such acts of its friends.

I am constrained to believe that the position has been taken up by the force for general unionism in the community. For the time the other ranks of organized labor have allowed themselves to be made use of and many good citizens have reached a hazy conclusion without realizing the danger in the broad base involved.

A comparatively small group has supplied all the speakers at the various public meetings, and they have been successful largely through the people. They have believed up their cause by giving anything but a fair hearing to those whose views they did not share, and the public should bear in mind that the cause of their own cause has been placed on the platform at those meetings to the detriment of the cause of the men who are situated authorities. They have made free use of the threat of a general strike with its attendant suffering on defenceless women and children, and they have used the threat of a general strike to have their further attendance to press their ends by boycott and intimidation.

I would urge the people in this City to ponder carefully and soberly what those things mean and whether they tend.

Let each citizen realize that on him personally will fall the full consequence of his decision.

The question to be decided on Monday is:

"Shall the elected representatives of the people be allowed to exercise their right of choice in all good faith and sincerity in the administration of the City's affairs, or are we to have rule by agitation?"
Let the people decide.

B. M. E. EVANS, Mayor.

TO THE CITIZENS OF EDMONTON:

I have stood by the appointment of R. G. Davidson as fire chief of our fire department for the following reasons:

First--Because I have every confidence in the ability and sincerity of Mayor Evans, and in the recommendation of the Mayor Henry, that owing to the fact that both Deputy Chiefs were unable to accept the position, that this city demanded the best executive head for our fire department that it was possible to secure.

Secondly--At the meeting with all the parties present, to make it their unanimous opinion, and openly expressed by them in his presence and mine, that as a fire chief they knew of none superior; as a man, they could wish none better.

As acting chairman of Safety and Health Committee, this gave me the further opportunity of comparing the applicant recommended by some 73 of the late firemen, viz: Mr. Jameson, who had at no time filled any executive position in the department, but on inquiry found he was the engineer, or expert--in other words--of the mechanical and of the department. During our interview with the firemen's executive the deputy mayor and commissioner together with our committee had an excellent opportunity of judging this applicant's executive ability and at no time did he show any control of himself to warrant our interference with Mr. Davidson's appointment. In fact he also discounted himself and strengthened our confidence in our choice.

Furthermore, when a middle course was suggested that he accept a deputy's appointment and work his way for later advancement, this he emphatically refused, stating that he would not stand for any such humiliation.

As to the agreement, claimed by the firemen, personally I contend there is nothing more than a suggested set of Rules and Regulations that would be approved by council, and had never come before council, nor did I know of such until the ultimatum sent in by the firemen was received, in which they clearly state they accept for the first time on any record I can find in these words: "That we accept and insist upon the City of Edmonton observing the terms of the agreement, etc." On examining a copy of Ald. Grant's report back to council as to the findings of the Conciliation Board, I found that the paragraph, "If it is possible, representatives of the employees that I would make the following recommendations to the council," therefore it was but still a recommendation.

No argument, or reason, could we produce that would satisfy the firemen that they had no agreement with this city. Nothing we could do would alter their course, or satisfy them other than that Chief Davidson's appointment be cancelled and that their applicant be appointed.

This I could not consent to, and in no way could we get them to realize that their first duty was to safeguard this city, its property, and the lives of its citizens. There was one thought and one thought only in their minds and that was to demand what to us was an unreasonable demand.

Again a second demand, and the same appears in the last paragraph of the said ultimatum, viz:

"And that in particular in the matter of a fire chief we insist upon due observance of the terms of the agreement by insisting that in all promotions due consideration will be given to seniority of service, and for this reason we will refuse to accept the suggested appointment of Mr. R. G. Davidson or the appointment of any other person who is not in the service of the fire department and who, therefore, cannot be appointed consistently with the terms of the agreement."

It was my privilege also to hear all three members of the conciliation board, viz: Bishop Gray, W. J. Carleton and Arthur Davies express their opinion of the said agreement, also their opinion of a fire chief appointed from the ranks, and how the said second demand stated that the appointment of a chief from the ranks was in no way the meaning of their findings. The latter stated he knew nothing of the conditions surrounding the strike, but contended that the promotion should come from the ranks.

Then followed their further demand to know if we still intended to sustain the appointment. On being told that no other course could be followed owing to the fact

that they would not consider any other course, they stated that the moment Davidson took charge they would walk out. On the seriousness of the danger of their course being pointed out to them they still insisted and left the meeting.

As you all know, Mr. Davidson immediately took charge and began to create protection as best he could, six of the old brigade refusing to leave their post of duty.

To my personal knowledge Chief Davidson has had ample opportunity during the past few weeks to fill up his force, but many good men do not care to accept positions during a strike period, but if the strike were called off would be glad of employment. Together with this it has always been his hope to secure and give employment to the men of the old brigade should the firemen as a body see their mistake and offer to return.

Regretfully for themselves and all, they have not taken this course, but instead have enlisted the sympathy of Allied Trades and other unions in their cause, the sad result of which I need not state here, except to conclude with a reminder to the people of Edmonton that it has been an absolute impossibility to prevent our attitude towards the men in any public way, either in public meetings or even in our own properly constituted council meetings owing to the disturbing element associated, unfortunately, with the labor cause.

One hope and one hope only remains, viz: that the citizens of Edmonton will once again rise to the occasion, patiently hear with this tense situation and restore confidence once more in their representatives and support them in every way possible when opportunity affords, either at the polls or in protection of property, or assistance of those who have done their best under these trying circumstances.

Lastly just a word about the unfairness of the ballot as presented to you. This I have personally thought hard about, but failed in, viz: the substitution of the words "striking firemen" for any suggestion which was the old force. Should the strikers be sustained the result will be that of a straight union force with a chief of their own choice, which to me is a dangerous precedent and one that will be regretted for years to come.

There is one principle here I must allude to in closing. I referred to six men of the old brigade who maintained their post of duty. They would no longer remain owing to the fact that they are non-union men, and as strike-breakers would receive "no consideration," let alone "due consideration" at the hands of a straight union body, and one of these I take pleasure in mentioning is Captain Bradlock, formerly of No. 5 station in rear of Royal Alexandra hospital, now stationed as Captain of No. 1, who was and is still the oldest and senior captain, but who on leaving the union a year or more ago, brought himself into disfavor in union circles and was never mentioned for promotion or selected by the firemen when asking for a promotion to the office of chief, solely because he was a non-union man. This fact convinced me more than any other that Engineer Jameson's candidature was not one of merit, but one of influence.

A vote of NO to be interpreted by the city council to mean that all members of the old fire department now out to be re-employed, and that a chief be appointed from their ranks.

It means that you support the council. The firemen have agreed that in case the majority is in favor of council they will call the strike off.

As an employer of union labor with three distinct unions represented in my employ I have no hesitation in stating that I am in favor of union labor, but as regards a civic department I feel it is absolutely impossible to secure continued efficiency with a straight union force and a union chief. As to the question of opposition by the city council or any one member of that council or the firemen I have never heard one word that would lead anyone to believe that there is any antagonism whatever to allied labor in the City of Edmonton.

Vote "YES".

MATTHEW ESDALE,
Acting Chairman Safety and Health Committee

